



Division of Water Resources / State Revolving Fund Loan Program

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

For the Proposed Project of Caryville-Jacksboro Utilities Commission (Campbell County), Tennessee

Loan No. CW8 2020-444

December 16, 2019

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (Department) State Revolving Fund Loan Program has conducted a review of the above-referenced project in accordance with the Operating Agreement between the Department and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for implementing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan Program. The Department has determined that this project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion (CE). Accordingly, the Department is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the Department's EPA-approved National Environmental Policy Act-like environmental review process.

The proposed project will consist of improvements to the wastewater treatment plant to include the rehabilitation of the process equipment in two existing secondary clarifiers; replace inoperable plug valves and install permeation grouting around the two existing clarifiers and the aeration basin. The total estimated project cost is \$1,118,000. A CWSRF loan in the amount of \$493,000 has been requested for this project. This project will be funded with a \$443,700 loan and \$49,300 in principal forgiveness that will not have to be repaid by the Caryville-Jacksboro Utilities Commission. The remainder of the project cost will be funded by a \$450,000 Appalachian Regional Commission Grant and \$175,000 in local funds. A copy of the map showing the project location accompanies this CE.

The project is eligible for a CE because undertaking this action:

1. Will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters
2. Will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or load of pollutants
3. Will not provide capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population
4. Will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment
5. Will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resources areas
6. Is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy

The determination shall become effective upon its distribution by the Department and can be revoked at any time that adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's State Revolving Fund Loan Program and available for public scrutiny upon request. If you wish to comment or to challenge this CE, send your written comment(s) to:

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